

HISTORY OF ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL

The history of St. Paul's School began with a dedication of the building on the corner of 29th and Church Streets on June 30, 1916 by Archbishop Hanna. The school was staffed by fifteen Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BVMs), and at one time was the largest parochial school west of the Mississippi with over 1,000 students enrolled.

With the shifting patterns in both the Church and civic communities, St. Paul's School has become a multi-cultural school. It still maintains its high reputation and accommodates all pupils regardless of race, color or creed. Because of many working parents, an Extended Day Care Program was started in the late 1970's.

The school continues to be embraced by the people of St. Paul's Parish, alumni and parents. The faculty and staff profess their commitment to meeting the educational needs of students. The teachers work effortlessly to find innovative methods in facilitating the learning process, both academic and spiritual. Many children currently enrolled are second-generation students who continue the legacy of fine Catholic tradition and education.

Due to seismic retrofitting, the school was moved to an alternate site between the years 1994 and 1998, while the old building was demolished and a new school was built. The St. Paul's community came together to make the best of a bad situation during those years. It was with sheer delight that the students were moved back to a brand new school in January 1999.

We have an excellent teaching staff. Their commitment to meeting the educational needs of our students is evidenced by their academic credentials, and their willingness to work for their students. Our teachers are always seeking the best way to motivate and to facilitate the learning process. Because we believe that the family is key to the education of students, communication with parents is viewed as an important part of learning.

The school continues to stand proud and thrive as a symbol for all. St. Paul's School contains within it a sincere love of educating the mind, body and soul in the time-honored Catholic tradition which has been lovingly formed throughout the school's many years of service. The reputation of St. Paul's as an excellent Catholic school is a long and good one of which we are very proud. We are currently celebrating our 94th anniversary as a school dedicated to serving the needs of students in San Francisco's Noe Valley and throughout the Bay Area.